

In the Specification:

Paragraph [0023] of the specification has been amended as follows:

~~FIG. 1 depicts~~ FIGS. 1A-1E depict the cDNA sequence and corresponding deduced amino acid sequence of TGF $\alpha$ -HIII. The standard one letter abbreviations for amino acids are used. The putative signal sequence has been underlined.

Paragraph [0024] of the specification has been amended as follows:

~~FIG. 2 is~~ FIGS. 2A-2D are an illustration of comparative amino acid sequence homology between TGF $\alpha$ -HIII (top line) and human TGF $\alpha$ -HI. Darkened amino acids denote the conserved EGF motif domain which is shown to be conserved in the polypeptide of the present invention.